

May, 1995

THE RHUMB LINE

From Maine Maritime Museum

23rd Annual Maritime History Symposium

This intriguing and unusually emotional Maritime History Symposium focused on World War II and relied to a rare extent on presentations by people talking about their own first-hand experiences. Participants expressed delight with the quality and variety of talks. Several of the presenters had to pause to compose themselves as they related emotion-laden episodes of their personal past.

Edward A. Langlois told the story of the construction of Liberty ships in South Portland, Maine, and of the nostalgic effects of the visit to Portland last year of one of those vessels, the *Jeremiah O'Brien*.

Capt. Arthur R. Moore described the contribution of merchant seamen to the war effort and the development of a book he has written on the subject, *A Careless Word A Needless Sinking*.

John H. Reeve told his listeners of life aboard the Bath-built destroyer *Hughes* in the Pacific, with chilling descriptions of combat, including being struck by a kamikaze aircraft.

Avery Booth Stone recounted the story of her childhood aboard the schooner *Aileen Booth* and making a trip in her along the Atlantic coast after the outbreak of the war. To enhance her explanation of this experience, she presented an interesting account of the submarine warfare that was then occurring along the coast, and the evidence of it she and her parents saw.

Thomas Lynch rounded out the first day's lectures by making a thorough presentation on the design, construction, and use of the Flower-Class corvettes (predominantly in the British and Canadian navies) and the preservation of one of them, H.M.C.S. *Sackville*, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. These cramped, uncomfortable vessels were amazingly successful as escort and anti-submarine vessels.

Sunday morning began with **William P. Quinn** describing his experiences aboard a repair vessel in the Pacific, accomplishing repairs of combat and other vessels so that they

need not return to repair yards. Although somewhat disgruntled at not receiving equal treatment with seamen aboard combat vessels (he never got the see Bob Hope while in the Navy), he remarked favorably on the recognition he received from a grateful nation upon his return.

Robert H. I. Goddard described loading Liberty ships with ammunition and fuel as an Army Transportation Corps berth officer in New Orleans. He also mentioned more temperamental cargoes, such as goats and mules.

The Symposium closed with **Robert F. Sumrall's** authoritative description of the design process of the *Iowa*-Class battleship, together with his stunning color slides of the *Iowa* in action, taken during his time aboard in the 1980s.

Tall Ships '95

Public Visitation:

June 21	<i>Bowdoin</i>
July 8 & 9	"HMS" <i>Rose</i>
July 14-16	<i>Half Moon</i>
Aug. 11-13	<i>Pride of Baltimore II</i>

Summertime Cruises:

June 20	To escort <i>Bowdoin</i>
July 7	To escort "HMS" <i>Rose</i>
July 13	To escort <i>Half Moon</i>
August 8	To escort <i>Pride of Baltimore II</i>

Cruise from Portland to Bath:

July 13	Aboard <i>Half Moon</i>
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Lobsterbake:

August 10	Aboard <i>Pride of Baltimore II</i>
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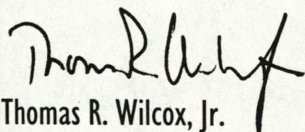
From The Chart Table

A brief perusal of this *Rhumb Line* should give you the impression that there's a lot going on — and lots to do — at your Museum.

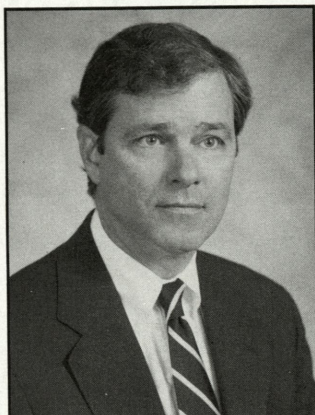
We've just completed a most interesting and enjoyable Maritime History Symposium with World War II as its theme. At our first Quartermasters Day (formerly Clean-Up Day) on May 13, more than 70 lucky and dedicated manual laborers became Charter Quartermasters, giving more than 400 hours of work sprucing up our property.

On the waterfront, the floats are in, boats are beginning to appear and we're planning for some festivities around our first visiting ship — the *Corwith Cramer*. Moorings have been overhauled and re-set in readiness for our own craft and for visiting yachtsmen.

I encourage each of you to plan a visit to see us this summer — by land or by sea. Those of us here feel tremendously proud to be associated with the Museum and we feel like showing it off. We're interested, too, in your thoughts and comments. Be sure to drop me a line or call with suggestions. We'll try to accommodate as many as we can over time.



Thomas R. Wilcox, Jr.
Executive Director



Tom Wilcox

The Waterfront Auction

Mark your calendar for our festive end-of-summer party and silent auction on Friday, August 25. Planning is underway and we foresee an exceptional evening of raffling and deal-making (and fundraising!) under the tent in the Shipyard.

We expect to offer 150 - 200 marine-related items of unusually fine craftsmanship and are seeking donations of items like New England-crafted jewelry, furniture and half-models; a lobsterbake for ten; bookstore gift certificates, prints of lovely scenes, sail/powerboat trips; dinner for two; a day of striper fishing; a ride "down the ways" at a destroyer launching; memberships to local organizations, and the like. We may auction a few items "live."

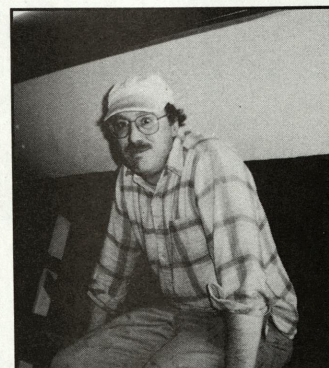
Funds raised at the Waterfront Auction will support general operations. If you would like to donate an item or service, please call Development Director Jim Gubser.

New Apprenticeshop Instructor

The Museum welcomes Jamie Rouse who signed on this spring as Assistant Instructor of the Apprenticeshop. We're glad to have him back; after serving in the same role from 1990 to 1992, Jamie spent the past three years crewing for various Maine-based vessels, and wielding his carpentry skills wherever needed.

He reports that he is enjoying the new Apprenticeshop direction of the past six months, and will focus mainly on teaching restoration of boats in the Museum's collection.

Jamie is a 1981 graduate of Williams College, and completed the Apprenticeshop Program in 1988.



Jamie Rouse

We regret having omitted John Carter's name from the 1994 Annual Report list of Life Members. John served as Executive Director from 1982 - 1989.



Maritime Heritage Tour of Nova Scotia

June 24 - 29

Space still available. Please call to receive an informational brochure.

Summertime Cruises \$25 for non-members, \$23 for members, unless otherwise noted. To register, please call (207) 443-1316.

Saturday, June 17	Safari Cruise to Swan Island, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Friday, July 28	Evening Cruise to Boothbay, 5:00 - 9:30 p.m. \$20/\$18
Tuesday, June 20	Cruise to Damariscove, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Tuesday, August 1	Lighthouse Cruise, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 24	Cruise to Seguin Island, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Wednesday, August 2	Evening Cruise to Merrymeeting Bay, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. \$20/\$18
Tuesday, June 27	Lighthouse Cruise, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Friday, August 4	"Steamboat" Cruise to Popham, 4:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$20/\$18
Wednesday, June 28	Windjammer Cruise, 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Tuesday, August 8	Cruise to Seguin, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 4	Cruise to Seguin Island, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Wednesday, August 9	Evening Cruise to Boothbay Harbor, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$20/\$18
Tuesday, July 4	Fireworks Cruise, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. \$20/\$18	Friday, August 11	Pre-launching Cruise along Kennebec, 5:00 - 9:30 p.m. \$20 \$18
Wednesday, July 5	Evening Cruise along Sheepscot River & Oven's Mouth, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$20/\$18	Saturday, August 12	Cruise to watch the launching of the <i>Sullivans</i> , 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. \$20/\$18
Friday, July 7	"Steamboat" Cruise to Popham, 4:30 - 9:00 p.m. \$20/\$18	Tuesday, August 15	Cruise to Pemaquid, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 11	Cruise to Bowdoinham, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Wednesday, August 16	Evening Cruise along Sheepscot & Oven's Mouth, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. \$20/\$18
Wednesday, July 12	Evening Cruise to Seguin, 4:00 - 9:30 p.m. \$20/\$18	Friday, August 18	Evening Cruise to Popham, 4:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$20/\$18
Friday, July 14	Evening Cruise to Seguin, 4:00 - 9:30 p.m. \$20/\$18	Tuesday, August 22	Cruise to Damariscove, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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Tuesday, July 18	Five Islands & Lobsters Cruise, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Friday, August 25	Evening Cruise to Boothbay Harbor, 5:00 - 9:30 p.m. \$20/\$18
Wednesday, July 19	"Steamboat" Cruise to Popham, 4:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$20/\$18	Tuesday, August 29	Cruise to Richmond, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday, July 21	Evening Cruise to Boothbay Harbor, 4:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$20/\$18	Wednesday, August 30	Evening Cruise to Boothbay Harbor, 4:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$20/\$18
Tuesday, July 25	Cruise to Wiscasset, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Saturday, September 2	Cruise to Seguin, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 26	Evening Lighthouse Cruise, 5:00 - 9:30 p.m. \$20/\$18	Tuesday, September 5	Cruise to Seguin, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 27	Fishing Village Cruise, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. \$20/\$18		



Advance Purchase Tall Ships Tickets:

This summer, don't wait
in line to purchase tickets.
Call 443-1316 to order
today.

REMEMBER MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM

Create a Charitable Remainder Trust,
establish a gift through our Pooled Life
Income Fund, or remember us in your
will. Consult your accountant/financial
advisor, or call Jim Gubser, Development
Director for further information.

Vacation Day Camp

July 3 - August 22

Maine Maritime Museum offers seven week-long sessions of Summer Day Camp this summer season, split in to two topics. During Ports of Call, July 3 - 21, campers follow the route of a Maine-built vessel as they "sail" to three different countries. In each port, kids in grades K - 6 learn the customs and traditions of foreign lands by playing native games and making products representative of the local lands.

During the Sea Life sessions, July 24 - August 22, campers experience the life of a sailor by making boat models, tying nautical knots, singing sea shanties, and making hardtack. Life under the sea is focused on, too; campers learn about the habits and habitats of sharks, pufferfish, whales and sea turtles. All campers will take a cruise on the Kennebec River aboard *Summertime* and have a lobster bake feast on the final day of camp.

The program costs \$90 per camper which includes all supplies, materials, snacks and drinks for the week and lunch on Friday; campers must bring a lunch Monday through Thursday. Breaks throughout each day allow for outdoor activities. Camp runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with the options of early drop-off and late pick-up. Call (207)443-1316 to receive an informational flyer.



Campers hard at work

MMM Wish List

- ✓\$ to help cover the cost of a new telephone system
- ✓Interesting old furniture (carts, crates, etc.) for display use in the Museum Shop
- ✓A 2-step stool with safety handle for reaching archival boxes on the top Library shelves
- ✓Vacuum (used or new) for spills & messes in Education Building
- ✓Garden cart to green up Donnell House gardens
- ✓Old films/videos relating to Maine's maritime history and coastal life: ship- & boatbuilding, fishing, naval vessels, etc.
- ✓Paper shredder
- ✓Oversized shelving to store large documents and photographs (can be purchased for about \$700 from Global or Arrow Star distributors)
- ✓Cassette player for use in education programs
- ✓N.Y. Maritime Register on microfilm (can be purchased from the Philadelphia Maritime Museum)
- ✓Clean cloth diapers for curatorial object cleaning
- ✓4' x 6' nylon American flag with 9' pole
- ✓Electric or gas golf cart, used or new, for Shipyard transportation for handicapped visitors

If you wish to donate, please call Kristen at 443-1316.



MAINE MARITIME MUSEUM STORE:

MEMBERS' CATALOG

Introducing Maine Maritime Museum's new line of clothing and gear. All pieces embroidered with pinky schooner MAINE or MMM burgee; boat names may be added, also. Please call with any questions. Please note special pricing through catalogue only.

POLO SHIRT

Cool and comfortable
100% pique cotton. Taped
collar seam, banded
sleeves and extra long tail.

Colors: Forest, Navy,
White

Short Sleeve:

M,L,XL \$33.95

XXL \$35.95

Long Sleeve:

M,L,XL \$42.95

XXL \$44.95



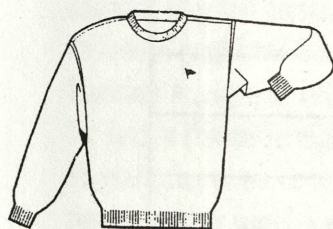
CHAMOIS SHIRT

Our 100% cotton heavy
weight flannel gets softer
with every wash. Two
button pockets, long
sleeves, rounded tails.

Colors: Forest,
Navy, Natural

M,L,XL \$38.95

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CREW NECK SWEATSHIRT

Chase away summer evening
chills with this 90%
Cotton/10% polyester fleece
sweatshirt. Cover stitched
collar, set in sleeves, banded
bottom edge.

Colors: Forest, Navy, White

M,L,XL \$32.95

XXL \$35.95

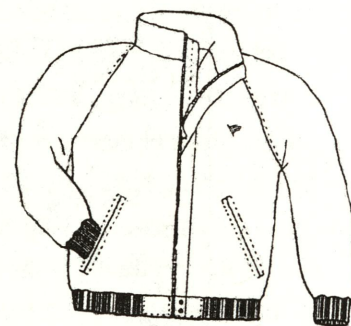
THREE SEASON JACKET

Sail in it, ski in it! This
jacket features windproof,
water resistant nylon outer
shell, with heavy fleece
lining. Zipper front, rib-
knit cuffs. Machine
washable.

Colors: Navy/Forest or
Red/Navy

M, L, XL \$72.95

XXL \$75.95



WEEKENDER PULLOVER

100% cotton. Ribbed
collar and cuffs, banded
bottom edge.

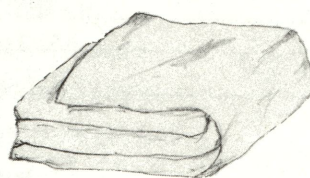
Colors: Forest, Ocean,
White

SM/MED, LG/XL

\$44.95

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POLAR FLEECE BLANKET

Great for cat naps on
board or ashore, this
quick-drying blanket
measures 60" x 86" and
comes with a storage bag.

Color: Navy

\$59.00

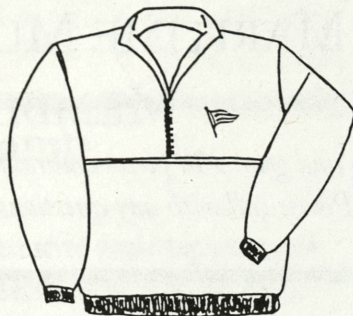
**POLARTEC FLEECE
PULLOVER**

Lightweight & warm.
Lycra waist and cuffs, side
pockets. Contrasting
nylon placket.

Color: Navy/Forest

M,L,XL \$69.95

XXL \$71.95



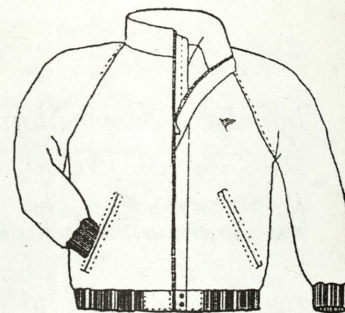
SHELL JACKET

Stave off wind and spray.
Supplex nylon, contrasting
under-collar and storm
flap. Nylon lining, knit
cuffs and band. Water
repellent, machine
washable.

Colors: Navy/Forest or
Red/Navy

M,L,XL \$52.95

XXL \$54.95



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Personal Safety Courses

In preparation for the upcoming season on the water, Maine Maritime Museum is hosting two personal survival and emergency drill training courses June 3 & 24.

Gary McFadden, president of Onboard Training International, developed this course to help commercial fishermen meet new Coast Guard regulations requiring participation in a comprehensive safety class. The eight-hour course is pertinent to all who spend time on the water.

Mr. McFadden will conduct realistic emergency response scenarios, teaching how to be prepared for flooding, fire, abandon ship and person overboard. Mr. McFadden graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 1974 and worked for Texaco Marine Services for more than 18 years, five of which were spent teaching safety world-wide. Mr. McFadden is a lifelong resident of Orr's Island.

Workshop participants will learn to prepare for and respond to emergencies, and be proficient in the following techniques: righting a capsized life raft; operating hydrostatic releases; donning an immersion suit; maintaining and stowing PFDs and immersion suits; using radio techniques for MAYDAY and required assistance; using EPIRBs; fighting fires; designing a station bill.

The course runs from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and costs \$125 for Museum members, \$150 for non-members; lunch is included. Call 443-1316 for more information and to register.

Strategic Plan Update

We've dreamed up plans and crafted many sketches of Maine Maritime Museum's proposed growth, including new shipyard interpretation, a grand auditorium, restaurant, etc. Because good ideas leak into the Director's Office with fair regularity, constructing a organized plan which defines the Museum's goals and outlines the means by which to attain them has been lengthy, yet enjoyable, operation.

Soon after his arrival, Executive Director Tom Wilcox formulated just such a plan, organizing all of the ideas into three major initiatives: strengthening the core of the Museum, enhancing the visitor experience, and expanding programs and services which will further the Museum's mission. The plan met with unanimous Board approval in March.

The Museum is measuring and prioritizing projects, and creating associated budgets and timelines. A group of staff members meets weekly to outline the plan for the Shipyard; just now they are developing interpretative themes. Similar meetings occur on the subject of building an auditorium, and the present topic of discussion is identifying the many needs for more space, and the most effective solutions.

The bustle of summer activities will slow the regularity of meetings; full-blown planning will begin again in September. We will continue to issue updates at that time.

Shipyard Sprucing & Charter Quatermasters

This past mild winter brought the prime opportunity to keep the Percy & Small Shipyard open for Goretex-bundled visitors, a request we've often heard. Since December, we've measured the success of the pilot idea by counting cold, smiling faces, and have decided that it's a big hit.

With the additional traffic and resulting weathering came a great need for clean-up and fix-up of various buildings and exhibitions. Quietly through this off-season, Shipyard Supervisor Kevin Johnson has pounded out four new 17' x 8' floats, installed rain gutters for the L.L. Bean Building, built shelters for the Blacksmith and Schooner Launching Demonstrations, and completed a variety of other projects.

With these major projects behind him, Mr. Johnson and fellow staff rallied all Museum friends to join The Quatermasters, a new affinity group whose members are willing to donate their time to manual labor projects. The first meeting was held May 13 in the form of a Museum-wide Clean-Up Day. The troops were charged with readying for summer, no small feat. Grouped by type and activity level of project, the organized masses were led off to paint, sweep, repair, and replace. The Museum enjoyed a super effort from all, and is eager for the trampling feet of summer visitors. Thank you, Quatermasters!

Maine Maritime Museum 1995 Summer Calendar

May 20	Cruise season begins! <i>Summertime</i> launches her hourly tours of the Kennebec	July 25	Cruise to Wiscasset, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
June 3	Safety at Sea Workshop, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	July 26	Evening Lighthouse Cruise, 5 - 9:30 p.m.
June 17	Safari Cruise, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	July 27	Fishing Village Cruise, 4 - 7 p.m.
June 20	Cruise to Damariscove, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	July 28	Evening Cruise to Boothbay, 5 - 9:30 p.m.
June 20	Sail from Portland to Bath, on board the <i>Bowdoin</i>	August 1	Lighthouse Cruise, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June 21	Schooner <i>Bowdoin</i> , 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	August 2	Evening Cruise to Merrymeeting Bay, 5 - 8 p.m.
June 24	Shipyard Demonstrations begin	August 4	Evening Cruise to Popham, 4:30 - 9:30 p.m.
June 24	Cruise to Seguin Island, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	August 5	Kennebec Art Club Show in the Shipyard
June 24	Safety at Sea Workshop, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	August 8	Cruise to Seguin, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
June 24 - 29	Maritime Heritage Tour of Nova Scotia	August 9	Evening Cruise to Boothbay Harbor, 5 - 9 p.m.
June 27	Lighthouse Cruise, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	August 11	Pre-launching Cruise along Kennebec, 5 - 9:30 p.m.
June 28	Windjammer Cruise, 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.	August 11-13	<i>Pride of Baltimore</i> , 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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